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SUBJECT: (C) THAILAND NON-COMMITTAL ON KOSOVO IMF MEMBERSHIP

REFS: A) STATE 27782 B) BANGKOK 953

CLASSIFIED BY: DCM JAMES F. ENTWISTLE FOR REASONS 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) DCM delivered ref. A talking points to Bank of Thailand (BOT) Governor Tarisa Watanagase on April 16. Tarisa acts as the Thai Government's representative on the Board of Governors of the IMF. Tarisa stated she could not confirm when or if Thailand would vote on Kosovo's bid for IMF and World Bank membership, but that she would consider the USG position on this matter carefully.

¶2. (C) Thai government offices are closed from April 13 through 17 due to a national holiday and to anti-government protests in Bangkok (ref. B). Post will deliver talking points to the Thai Ministry of Finance (MOF) and report results in septel (NOTE: the Minister of Finance is Thailand's representative to the World Bank Board of Governors. End note.)